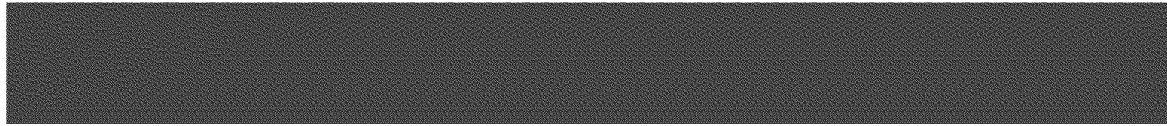
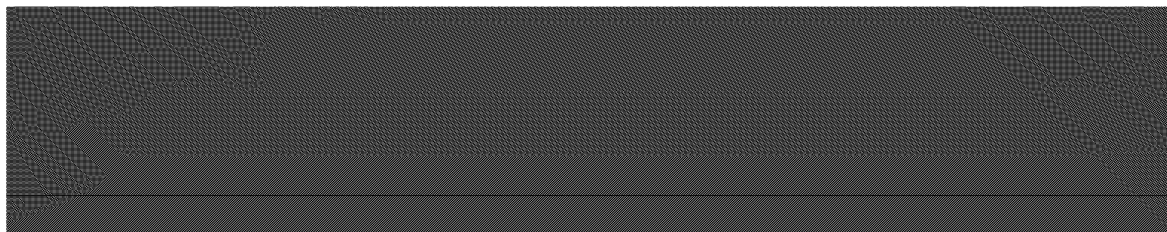


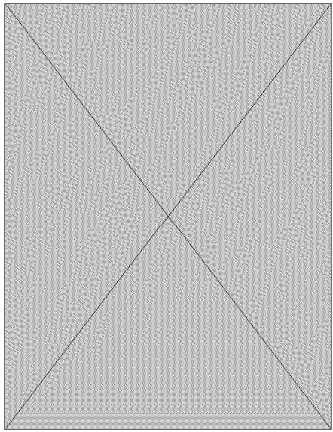
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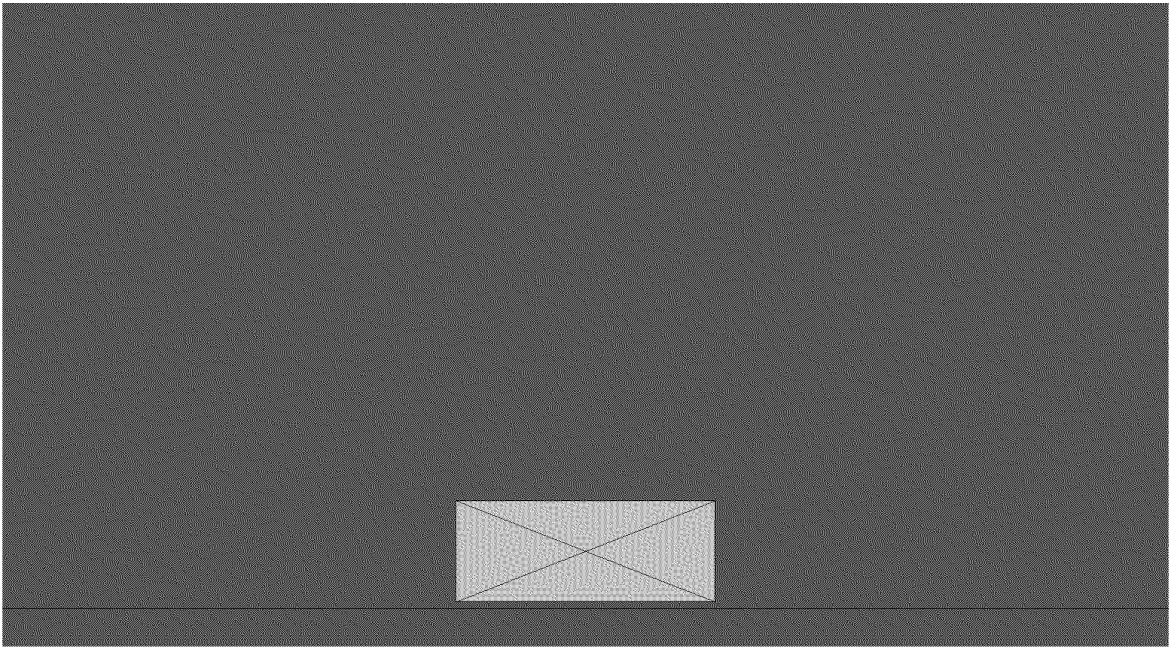


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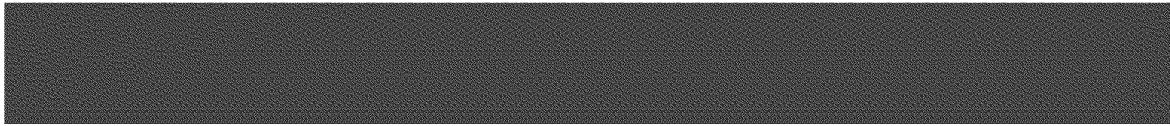
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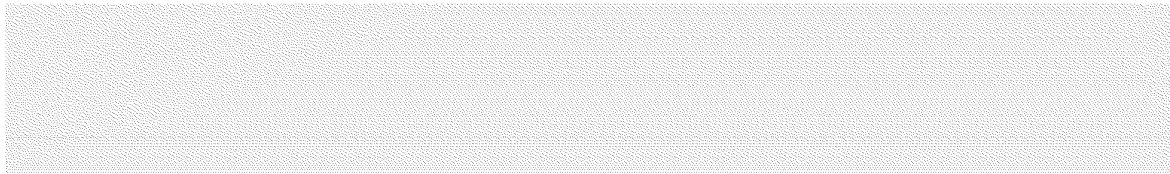
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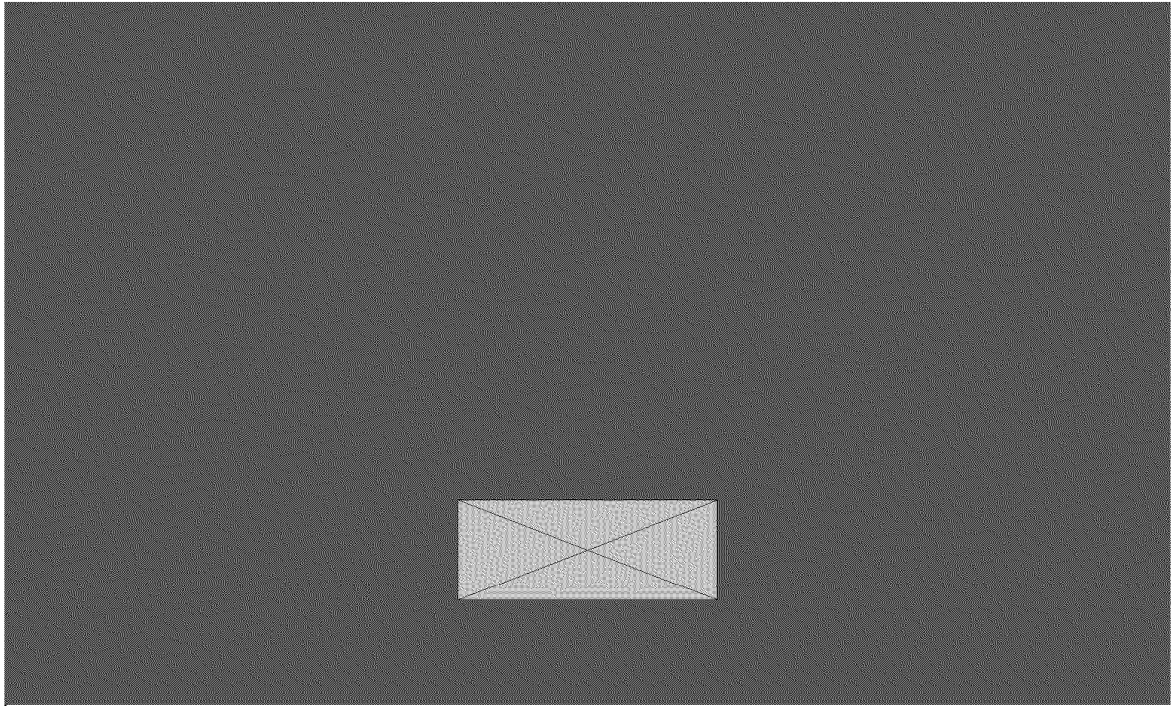


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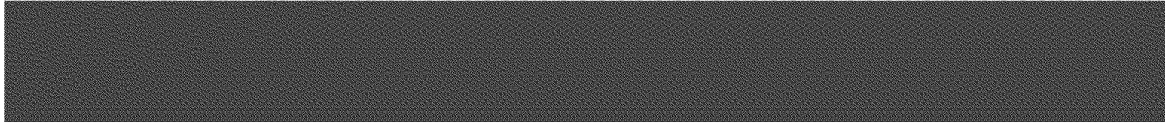
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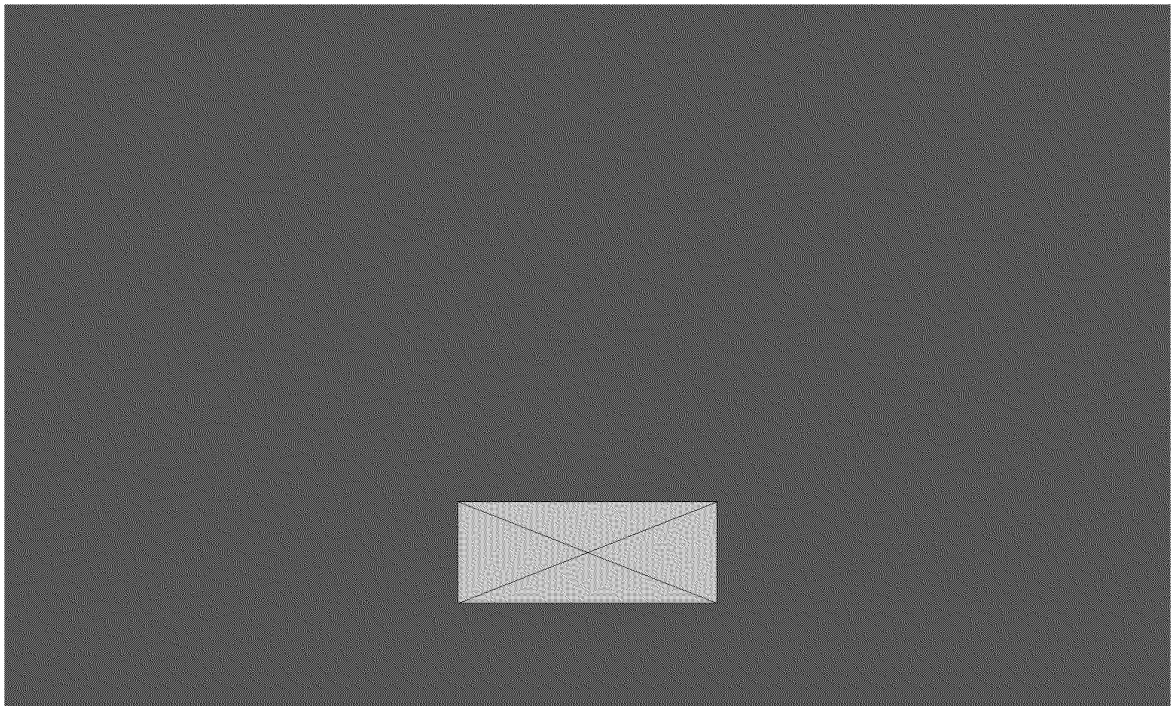
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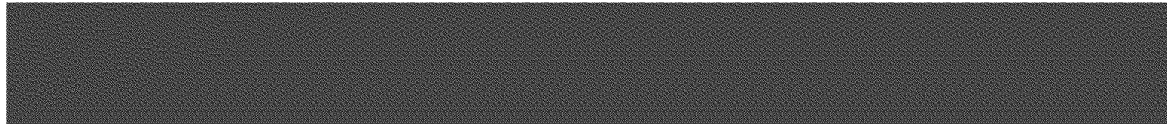
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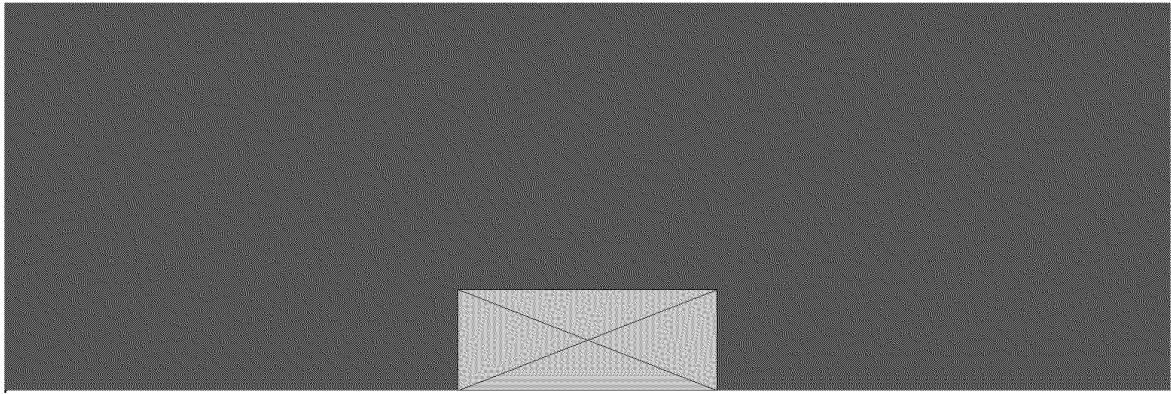
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September 20 – 22 in Raleigh, NC
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[AAPCA Introduction - 3-2017.pdf](#)

Layne, Ken, and Tate,

I hope all is well! Apologies for the Friday afternoon email, but I just wanted to send over a quick introductory note before the weekend.

Most importantly, congratulations on your new positions. Our Association, which represents state and local air quality agencies hoping to help put the “cooperative” back in cooperative federalism, looks forward to working with you and the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. I know you all have been on the job for a short time, but please let us know if we can be helpful in connecting the new team with our members (who have some unique insights and the ability to provide discreet feedback).

Second, by way of introduction, the email below and attached introduction contains some more information about AAPCA and our work. In addition to holding regular calls between EPA staff and state air officials as well as our eleven technical committees, we have also held a series of webinars – which we’ve dubbed “Get to Know an EPA HQ Office” - to introduce our members to different parts of EPA (for example, here are the [slides](#) from the webinar with OCIR and the Office of Policy last year).

Third, thanks so much for your willingness to participate in the March 31 breakfast meeting organized by ECOS with the Executive Directors of several intergovernmental media associations. Unfortunately, due to the timing of our Spring Meeting in Arizona next week, I won’t be able to attend (but I am hoping to participate over the phone).

Have a great weekend!

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Subject: Introduction & Invitation to Present at AAPCA's 2017 Annual Business Meeting, September 20 – 22 in Raleigh, NC

Administrator Pruitt,

On behalf of the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA), congratulations on your recent confirmation. We look forward to working with you and your team on Clean Air Act issues, and state and local air agencies applaud your enthusiasm for cooperative federalism. AAPCA is a consensus-driven organization focused on assisting state and local air quality agencies and personnel with implementation and technical issues associated with the federal Clean Air Act. The Association represents more than 40 state and local air agencies, and senior officials from 20 state environmental agencies currently sit on AAPCA's Board of Directors. AAPCA is based in Lexington, Kentucky as an affiliated association of the Council of State Governments (CSG).

We write to invite you to attend and present at AAPCA's 2017 Annual Business Meeting, which will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina from September 20 to 22. More

information is available in the enclosed invitation from AAPCA President Sean Alteri, Director of the Kentucky Division for Air Quality. Regular attendance by senior U.S. EPA officials at previous Association meetings has been greatly valued by our membership. AAPCA's 2016 meeting included participation from over 120 attendees, including senior air officials from more than 25 state and local environmental agencies as well as roughly 40 U.S. EPA staff from regional offices and the Offices of Air and Radiation, General Counsel, and Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Our members would be especially interested in hearing from you and your staff about recent and forthcoming Clean Air Act issues, cooperative federalism, and opportunities to work together on issues like NAAQS nonattainment, interstate transport, air toxics, and resource priorities.

As additional background on our Association, we have also enclosed a short introduction to AAPCA, which includes: information on AAPCA members and their footprint; contact information for officers, technical committees, and the Association; and links to information on recent and upcoming meetings, timelines, surveys, consensus comments, resource pages of state and local agency comments on key rulemakings, and upcoming projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions about AAPCA's Annual Business Meeting, or if we can serve as a resource on any Clean Air Act issues in the future.

Thanks so much for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you in Raleigh!

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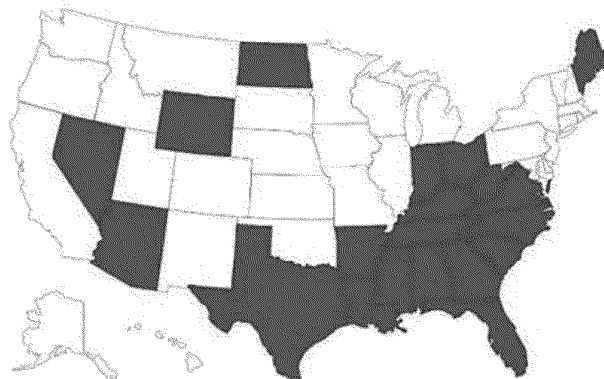
Introduction to AAPCA

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State Environmental Agencies Currently Represented on AAPCA’s Board of Directors

Alabama | Arizona | Arkansas | Florida
 Georgia | Indiana | Kentucky | Louisiana
 Maine | Mississippi | Nevada
 North Carolina | North Dakota | Ohio
 South Carolina | Tennessee | Texas
 Virginia | West Virginia | Wyoming



Footprint of AAPCA State Members

State members of AAPCA’s Board of Directors have primary responsibility for air quality for a segment of the country that represents:

- ☐ Over 140 million Americans, nearly half of the U.S. population;
- ☐ More than 45 percent of U.S. Total Manufacturing Output; and,
- ☐ 60 percent of total energy production in the United States.

2017 AAPCA Officers and Technical Committees

President | [Sean Alteri](#), Kentucky Division for Air Quality, (502) 564-3999

Vice President | [Stuart Spencer](#), Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, (501) 683-0873

Secretary/Treasurer | [Vivian Aucoin](#), Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, (225) 219-3417

Past President | [Sheila Holman](#), North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, (919) 707-8430

AAPCA’s members participate on eleven technical [committees](#) that provide information-sharing forums for agency personnel on the following topics: Training; [Best Practices](#); NAAQS/SIP; Modeling; Emission Inventory; Local Government; Ambient Monitoring; Compliance, Enforcement, and Testing; Permitting and New Source Review (NSR); Energy; and Public Outreach & Information.

Recent and Forthcoming AAPCA Activities

Meetings

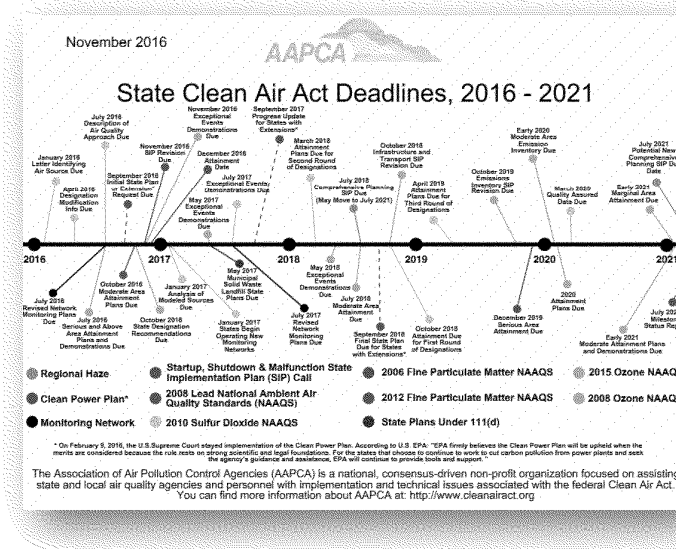
AAPCA's [membership meetings](#) offer a premier venue to engage with senior air quality officials from state and local agencies, and U.S. EPA. In 2017, AAPCA will host two in-person meetings:

- ☐ Spring Meeting, March 27 – 29, Tucson, Arizona
- ☐ Annual Business Meeting, September 20 – 22, Raleigh, North Carolina

Timelines and Factsheets

AAPCA has recently released several timelines and factsheets:

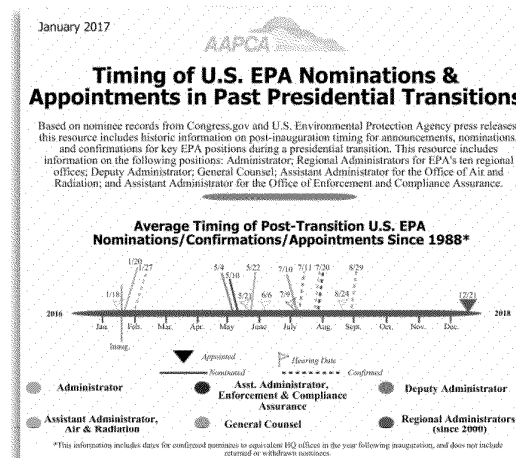
- ☐ [State Clean Air Act Deadlines, 2016 – 2021](#) (updated November 2016):



- ☐ In December 2016, AAPCA released an updated timeline, [Forthcoming & Initiated Clean Air Act Regulatory Actions, 2016 - 2020](#).

- ☐ [Timing of U.S. EPA Nominations & Appointments in Past Presidential Transitions](#) (January 2017)

- ☐ In October 2016, AAPCA released a fact sheet, [Preparing for Personal Air Sensors: Definition, Opportunities, and Data Limitations](#).



Consensus Comments

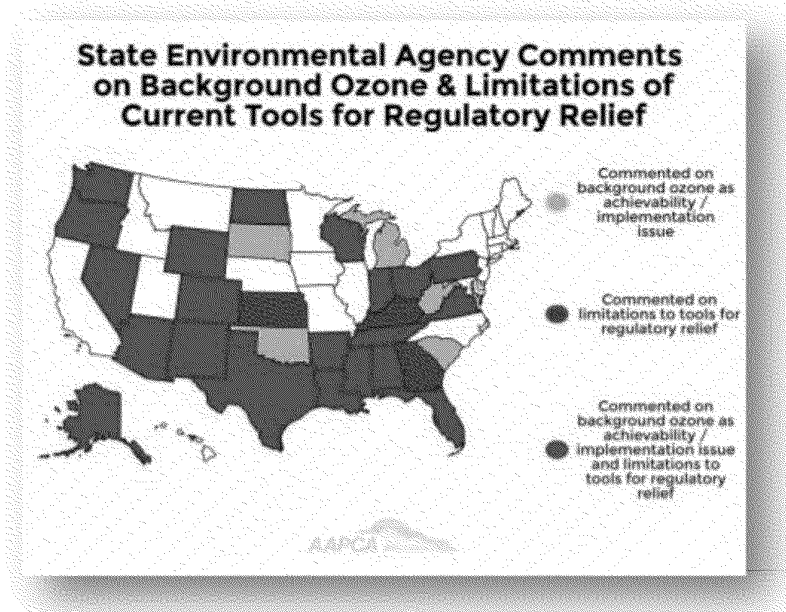
AAPCA has recently provided feedback to U.S. EPA on several topics: [data display issues](#) on U.S. EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online (September 2016); the [list of candidates](#) for U.S. EPA's Science Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee for Review of the *Screening Methodologies to Support Risk and Technology Reviews (RTR): A Case Study Analysis* (November 2016); the proposed [Regional Haze Rule Amendments](#) (August 2016); the [list of candidates](#) for U.S. EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (July 2016); the proposed [Revision to the Near-Road NO₂ Minimum Monitoring Requirements](#) (June 2016); and [Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events and draft Guidance on the Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Wildfire Events that May Influence Ozone](#) (February 2016).

AAPCA has also requested extension of the public comment periods for U.S. EPA's: draft Guidance on [Modeled Emission Rates for Precursors and PM_{2.5} Precursor Demonstration](#) (January 2017); [Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications and State Implementation Plan Requirements](#), (December 2016); [Draft Guidance on Significant Impact Levels for Ozone and Fine Particles in the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permitting Program](#) (September 2016); and [Protection of Visibility: Amendments to Requirements for State Plans](#) (June 2016).

Surveys of State Perspectives

AAPCA also conducts surveys of state agency perspectives:

- ☐ [Perspectives on EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (April 2016)
- ☐ [State Environmental Agency Perspectives on Timely NAAQS Implementation](#) (September 2015)
- ☐ [State Environmental Agency Perspectives on Background Ozone & Regulatory Relief](#) (June 2015)



Resource Pages

AAPCA has compiled state and local agency comments on recent Clean Air Act issues, including: [Response to December 9, 2013 CAA Section 176A Petition From Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont](#) (comment deadline: April 13, 2017); [Preliminary Interstate Ozone Transport Modeling Data for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard \(NAAQS\)](#) (comment deadline: April 6, 2017); [Implementation of the 2015 NAAQS for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications and State Implementation Plan Requirements](#) (comment period closed 2/13/2017); [Protection of Visibility: Amendments to Requirements for State Plans](#) (final rule published 1/10/2017); [Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards \("CSAPR Update"\)](#); final rule published 10/26/2016); [Proposed Exceptional Events Rule Revisions & Draft Wildfire Guidance](#) (final rule published 10/3/16); [Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction State Implementation Plan Call \("SSM SIP Call"\)](#); final action published 5/22/2015); the proposed [2015 Ozone NAAQS](#) (final rule published 10/26/2015); the [Volkswagen litigation and mitigation](#); and [personal air sensors](#).

Forthcoming Projects

In 2017, AAPCA and the Council of State Governments are developing a joint project, entitled [States at the Tables: Engaging Energy and Environmental Federal Advisory Committees](#). This portal will serve as a comprehensive resource for state leaders from all three branches of government regarding opportunities to interact with federal energy and environmental agencies through Federal Advisory Committees. More information will be available at: www.cooperativefederalism.org.



In April 2017, AAPCA anticipates releasing a report entitled *The Greatest Story Seldom Told: Profiles and Success Stories in Air Pollution Control*, which compiles indicators and metrics to illustrate the progress of air pollution control in the United States.

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By copy here, all of you will be added to ECOSWire distribution every Friday. Tate and Ken, you made our news for the week! :)

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Water Infrastructure Projects

Need-to-Know News in Air, Water, Waste, & Community Engagement

Iowa Celebrates Water Quality Successes in Annual Review
ECOS March 22 released a compilation of "ready to go" water and wastewater projects in 2017 for states and the District of Columbia. "This inventory shows \$14.4 billion in specific water needs around the United States, making the need tangible and real to all," said ECOS Executive Director & General Counsel Alexandra Dunn at a Capitol Hill Rally hosted this week by water advocacy organizations. "These are shovel ready projects, ready and waiting," Dunn later told *Bloomberg BNA*, which reported on the States Weigh in at Hill Hearing on State NAAQS Implementation

Flexibility

Projects in ECOS' inventory range from providing homes with running water and sewer service for the first time in several Alaska communities, to a new wellfield to enable a local farm to expand and provide needed jobs in Newton County, Indiana, to sewer improvements in several Wyoming towns. Importantly, the compilation lists only the top 20 or fewer projects per state, so if all ready to go projects were reported, the dollar total would be even higher for the U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment, chaired by Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL), held a hearing May 22 on a bill to give states the flexibility needed to implement the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone on an "efficient and realistic timeline."

"ECOS has made water infrastructure investment a top tier issue, addressed in *Priority Areas for a Time of Political Transition*," said ECOS President John Linc Stine, Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Stine recently testified on water infrastructure before the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment that "states hear every day from our citizens about the value of clean water, adequate flood control, and prevention of pollution. Infrastructure underpins every one of those issues, and we know that a society cannot thrive without clean water. Industry and jobs depend on a reliable water supply and the capacity to process wastewater." Among others, representatives of the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Wyoming Department of Environmental Protection testified before the House Budget Committee that "the state revolving loan funds untouched, Stine added, "We appreciate that the important state revolving loan funds are proposed for a one percent increase, and not a decrease," but reiterated that the 4.5 percent proposed cut to the core state programmatic grants – including water permitting and nonpoint source programs – is frankly unacceptable." The reasonable amendments proposed in H.R. 806 will further enable all of our states to continue to grow our economy, enhance our quality of life, and improve air quality."

"We are ready to take the information we've collected and work with the Administration to get money to states so that these projects can begin," added Dunn. "There's no time like now to invest in America's water infrastructure – improving communities, economies, public health, and our future." [Dunn]

would allow the EPA more time for strategies to be more thoughtfully developed, would help provide greater certainty within a more realistic timeframe for implementation of a new standard, and would allow for assessment of the effectiveness of control measures

U.S. EPA Administrator Pruitt Joins ECOS

Nancy Vehr, Air Quality Administrator with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Protection, discussed why EPA's one-size-fits-all approach to regulating simply doesn't work, commenting, "Wyoming's characteristics as an expansive, high-elevation, sparsely populated rural state differs from EPA's traditional focus. As a result, we face unique challenges in implementing the EPA's Ozone Standards in Wyoming."

ECOS has been in the news lately for its call: Pruitt discussed Wyoming's power to highlight why a one-size-fits-all approach to ozone is not defensible. One size fits all does not fit Wyoming. EPA values consultation with states in rulemaking processes, he said the agency will be looking to state partners for feedback. The background memo and full witness testimony can be found [here](#). [Poole]

Pruitt also commended the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on its [dashboard](#) and said he looks forward to speaking at the ECOS Spring Meeting on April 7 ([see related story](#)). [Piper]

FY17 White House Budget Amendment Contains Additional Federal Agency Cuts

The White House last week submitted a budget request to Congress concerning appropriations for the remainder of fiscal year 2017. Like the Administration's FY18 request, the FY17 request contains defense and homeland security increases offset by cuts to other federal agencies. The cuts total \$18B, but no specifics are offered on proposed reductions from individual agencies.

White House Office of Management and Budget director Mick Mulvaney remarked, "The '17 proposals that we have sort of dovetail into the '18... more spending on defense, more spending on border enforcement, some other line items, and also reductions elsewhere."

The House and Senate last year introduced omnibus appropriations bills for FY17, but it is uncertain exactly what approach congressional appropriators will take to funding the government beyond the April 28 expiration of the current Continuing Resolution. [McAleer]

Texas Offers Ozone Tips for Warm Weather

Environmental Law Firm Releases Guide to Corps Nationwide Permit Program Changes

Area of Focus: Water

A recent Beveridge and Diamond report details new and modified Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) nationwide permits (NWPs) that took effect for five years starting on March 19. The NWP Program streamlines the permitting process for certain categories of activities with minimal impact to wetlands.

To review modifications and additions to the NWPs, see the full report [here](#). [See the Corps' final announcement on the NWPs here](#). [Piper]

ECOS Holds Monthly SMM Workgroup Call on Plastic Film Recycling

Area of Focus: Waste

ECOS yesterday held its Sustainable Materials Management Workgroup monthly call. Shari Jackson, Director of the American Chemistry Council's Film Recycling Plastics Division, presented on its Wrap Recycling Action Program (WRAP), a project that empowers stakeholders to make plastic film (like grocery bags and newspaper sleeves), a commonly recycled material.

Jackson described some challenges of disposing of plastic film, the downsides to curbside recycling, and the process by which WRAP is implemented. Backed by companies like Ziploc and Target, ACC

promotes WRAP through a variety of public outreach campaigns and uses resources like plastic film drop-off location directories to emphasize the ease of recycling the material.

ACC calls on ECOS members to become “WRAP Champions” through outreach in their states. **U.S. EPA Names Two New Appointees to Work with States**
ECOS Executive Director Alexandra Dunn and Deputy Director Carolyn Hanson met this week with two new U.S. EPA appointees who will be working closely with states. The meeting included a presentation of the WRAP map, a list of sample social media messages, and Thursday’s webinar presentation.

Please email Sarah Grace Longworth of ECOS with questions. [Longworth]
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State Feedback Sought on EJSCREEN
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EJSCREEN User Survey. The information collected will be used to catalogue the diverse ways individuals are using EJSCREEN to support their analysis of environmental justice (EJ) concerns in their personal and professional lives. Survey responses will also help EPA to identify opportunities to continue developing and improving this tool.
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EJSCREEN is an EJ mapping and screening tool that provides EPA with a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators. EJSCREEN users choose a geographic area; the tool then provides demographic and environmental information for that area. All of the EJSCREEN indicators are publicly-available data.

Please direct all comments, questions, or suggestions about the survey, to Oneyemaechi Nweke of U.S. EPA at (202) 566-2314. [Parisien]

Upcoming Events

ECOS Meetings

45 States Set to Meet with Pruitt, Barrasso, and Others at Spring Meeting Regular Registration Closes Today

A new agenda was issued today for ECOS’ action-packed 2017 Spring Meeting on *New Administration, New Congress: States’ Path Ahead*. Registration for the April 6-7 public gathering is strong, with some 45 ECOS member agencies represented.

Highlights of the April 6-7 public gathering will include keynotes by Misael Cabrera of Arizona on building a change-receptive organization and by U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso of Wyoming on their respective priorities. Also planned is a roundtable with former EPA Acting Administrator Robert Perciasepe and former EPA Assistant Administrator for Air & Radiation Jeffrey R. Holmstead on the outlook for the agency. Additional discussions will center on produced water from shale gas production, environmental infrastructure, the energy future, the Volkswagen settlement, community engagement,

Sustainable Materials Management, and compliance improvement.

To take advantage of the regular registration rate, please register by the end of today! The ECOS room block at the Mayflower Hotel is now closed, but government rates may be available. Please contact [Sarah Grace Longworth](#) of ECOS if you plan to cancel a room at the hotel so that we can accommodate the next person on our waiting list.

Access the new agenda, online registration, and hotel information [here](#). [Parisien]

ECOS Calls

Toxic Substances Reduction Workgroup

The ECOS Toxic Substances Reduction Workgroup will host its monthly call on **March 30 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern**. The call will feature a presentation on the Department of Defense (DOD) Emerging Contaminants program and will focus on how state environmental agencies can benefit from DOD's chemicals work. An agenda will be sent out prior to the call.

If you would like to be added to the workgroup or have any questions, please email [Sarah Grace Longworth](#) of ECOS. [Longworth]

Webinars

National Academy of Sciences Wildland Fire Research

ECOS members whose agencies manage natural resources functions may be interested in an upcoming meeting and webinar from the National Academy of Sciences. On **March 27 at 8 a.m.-noon Eastern**, the Board on Earth Sciences and Resources will host [A Century of Wildland Fire Research: Contributions to Long-Term Approaches...](#).

During this workshop, experts will address the past century of wildland fire research and how information from this work may be used by managers and decision makers dealing with wildland fires. The webinar is free to attend in person or online, but those interested should [register](#) in advance. [Hanson]

New Hampshire's PFAS Experience

The National Water Quality Monitoring Council will host a webinar on New Hampshire's assessment and regulation of PFAS in drinking water on **March 28 at 1 p.m. Eastern**. On the webinar, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services staff member Brandon Kernen will discuss efforts to determine the extent of PFAS contamination, provide alternative drinking water, and develop long-term mitigation strategies.

[Registration](#) for the webinar is required. For more information on this webinar and other National Water Quality Monitoring webinars archived on YouTube, visit this [website](#). [Hanson]

NASEO on Volkswagen Settlement and Emissions Tools

The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) will host a webinar on **March 29 at 2 p.m. Eastern** on emissions tools that states may use when calculating NOx reductions for their Beneficiary Mitigation Plans under the Volkswagen Settlement. Speakers will include Andrew Burnham of Argonne National Labs, who will provide an overview of the Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation tool; Jeff Rockwell of U.S. EPA, who will provide an overview of the Diesel Emissions Quantifier; and Arman Tanman of U.S. EPA, who will discuss an upcoming tool that will allow states to calculate NOx reductions from shore power projects. Speakers also will also discuss the pros and cons of the various models and answer questions from the states.

To register, click [here](#). [Parisien]

U.S. EPA Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program

U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development will host its monthly Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program webinar on **March 29 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern**. This month's topic is "Upcoming Research on the Impacts of Water Conservation on Water Quality in Premise Plumbing." The webinar will highlight ongoing science projects intended to better design, renovate, and manage low-flow building plumbing fixtures so that water can be delivered efficiently while protecting public health.

Register for the webinar [here](#). [Longsworth]

U.S. EPA and CDC Webinar on Local Health Data Website

On **March 30 at 2 - 3 p.m. Eastern**, U.S. EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will co-host a webinar on the **500 Cities Project: Local Data for Better Health**. **The project has a dedicated website that provides city-level and census tract-level small area estimates for chronic disease risk factors, health outcomes, and clinical preventive service use for the largest 500 cities in the United States. The webinar will help attendees better understand the burden and geographic distribution of health-related variables and how project information can be used.**

To register, click [here](#). [Hanson]

ITRC on Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers

Statistical techniques may be used throughout the process of cleaning up contaminated groundwater, but it can be challenging for practitioners who are not experts in statistics to interpret and use statistical techniques. This training class will encourage and support project managers and others who are not statisticians to:

- Use the ITRC Technical and Regulatory Web-based Guidance on Groundwater Statistics and Monitoring Compliance to make better decisions for projects;
- Apply key aspects of the statistical approach to groundwater data; and
- Answer common questions on background, compliance, trend analysis, and monitoring optimization.

Join ITRC on **April 6 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern** for this essential online training! Learn more and register [here](#). [Bodi]

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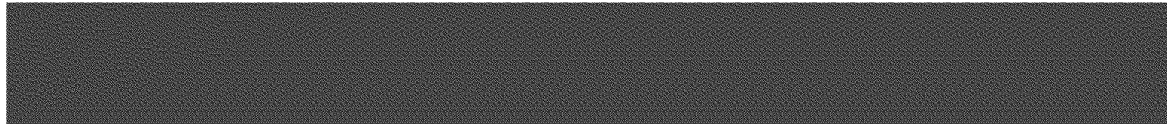
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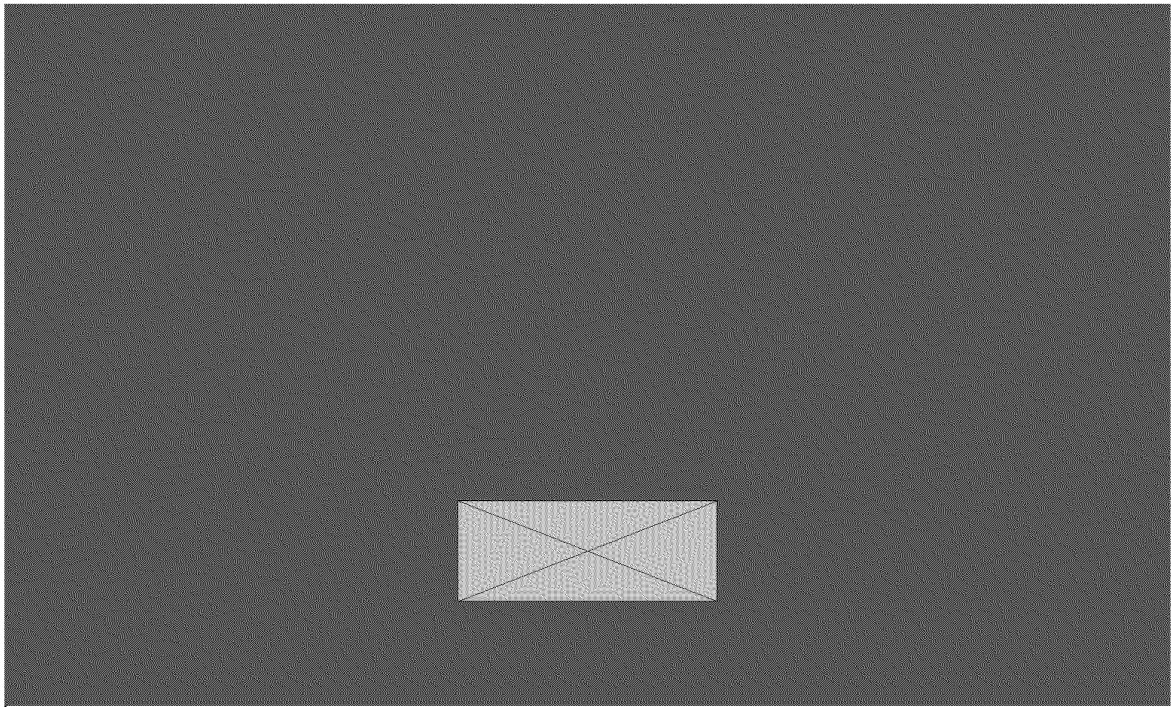
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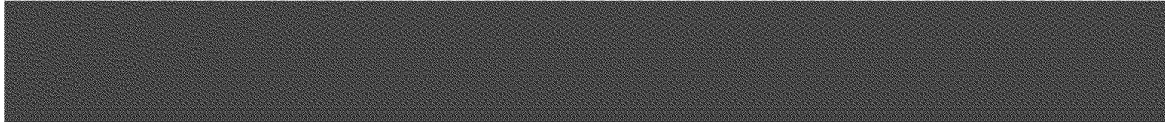
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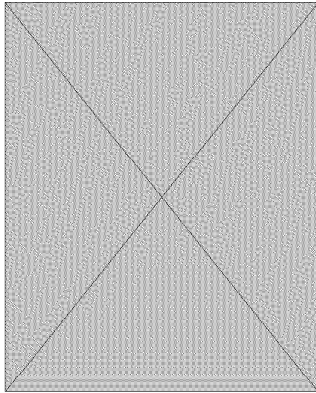


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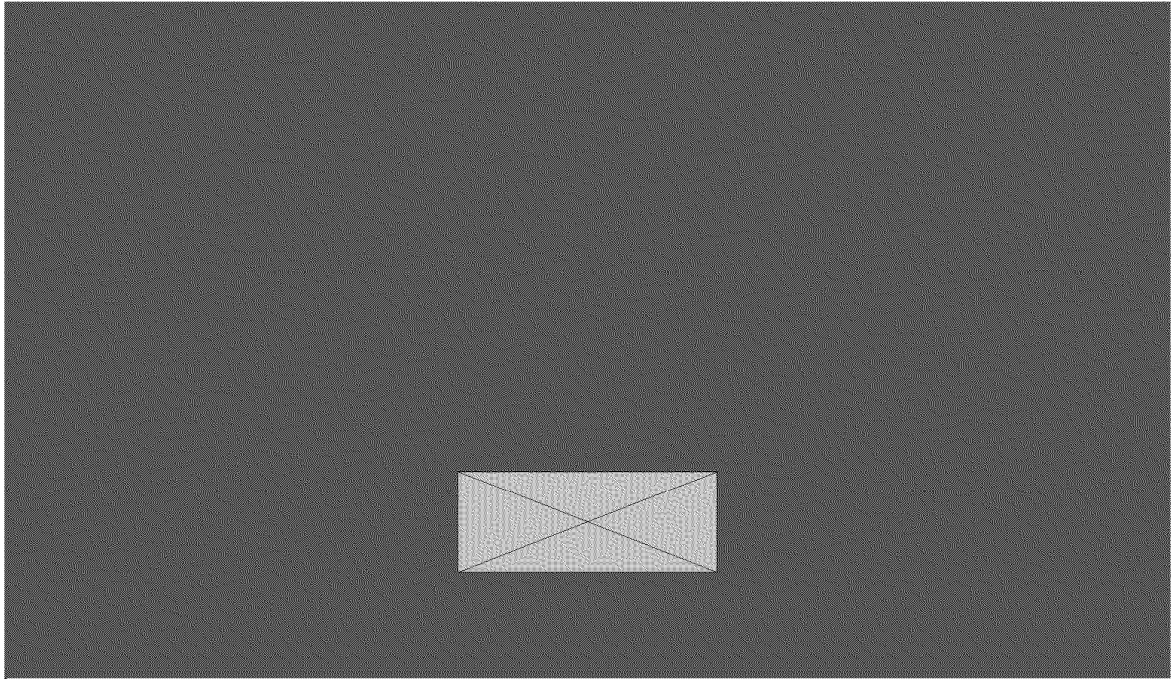
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Today, the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA) submitted [comments](#) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on its [Preliminary Interstate Ozone Transport Modeling Data for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard \(NAAQS\)](#), which was signed on December 28, 2016 and published in the Federal Register on January 6, 2017. This [letter](#) raises concerns about several technical and policy issues, and asks EPA to clarify Agency plans and provide updated, credible national modeling results for 2023, utilizing state inputs, by August 1, 2017 in order to provide the technical analysis needed for air agencies to meet the October 26, 2018 deadline for Good Neighbor State Implementation Plans (SIPs). The deadline to comment on this preliminary data is April 6, 2017, and AAPCA is compiling state and local air agency comments [here](#).

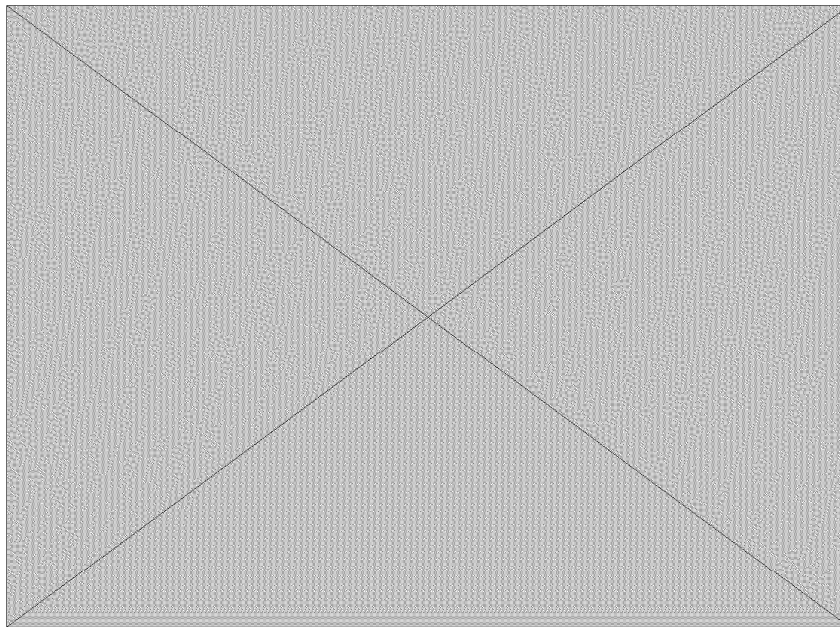
This [letter](#) includes several suggestions for a more cooperative approach to addressing the requirements of Clean Air Act section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS:

- Providing credible tools and clear direction for development of approvable Good Neighbor SIPs for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS will allow U.S. EPA Administrator Pruitt to carry out the goal to “engage in a transparent process that will allow states to have a meaningful opportunity to understand their obligations with regard to reducing emissions that cause or contribute to nonattainment or interference with maintenance in other states through the SIP process.”
- Air agencies have received mixed messages from U.S. EPA regarding future interstate transport actions and the reliability of this preliminary information as a basis for state analyses.
- AAPCA disagrees with EPA’s inclusion of implementation of the Clean Power Plan in projections for 2023.
- Although EPA has “historically found that the 1 percent threshold is appropriate” in determining significant contributions, this approach is not preordained. EPA should consider whether an alternative threshold above 0.7 parts per billion is appropriate, particularly as this preliminary modeling includes complex, uncertain, six-year projections for linkages across long distances for contributions virtually undetectable by monitors.
- AAPCA is concerned about the continued reliance on the Integrated Planning Model, a proprietary model that often forces air agencies to guess about key

inputs and assumptions.

In addition to tracking state and local environmental agency comments on this preliminary data, AAPCA is also compiling relevant comments on EPA's proposed rule, Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications and State Implementation Plan Requirements (comment period ended February 13, 2017), and EPA's proposed Response to December 9, 2013 CAA Section 176A Petition From Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont (updated comment deadline: April 13, 2017). As a reminder, AAPCA has compiled state and local agency comments on the Interstate Transport Rule for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS ("CSAPR Update"), state designation recommendations for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, state/local comments on the proposed 2015 revisions to the ozone NAAQS, and surveys of state perspectives on background ozone and the need for timely NAAQS implementation tools.

This month, AAPCA also posted an updated version of the timeline, State Clean Air Act Deadlines, 2016 - 2021:



AAPCA is a consensus-driven organization focused on assisting state and local air quality agencies and personnel with implementation and technical issues associated

with the federal Clean Air Act. The Association represents more than 40 state and local air agencies, and senior officials from 20 state environmental agencies currently sit on AAPCA's Board of Directors. AAPCA is based in Lexington, Kentucky as an affiliated association of the Council of State Governments (CSG). You can find more information about AAPCA at <http://www.cleanairact.org> or follow the Association on Twitter (@AAPCA_States).

Thanks!

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EPA's Weekly Round-Up

May 12, 2017

From meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott, signing a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage and reaffirming his commitment to cleaning-up Superfund sites, it was a successful week at EPA. Below is a recap of all of the good news from an EPA that is protecting the environment and American jobs.

National Stories ...

The New York Times reports one of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's top priorities is to clean up toxic Superfund sites. *"Scott Pruitt has directed his regional chiefs to elevate Superfund cleanup efforts to what he describes as their rightful place as the agency's core mission. 'I am making it a priority to ensure contaminated sites get cleaned up. We will be more hands-on to ensure proper oversight and attention to the Superfund program at the highest levels of the agency, and to create consistency across states,' Pruitt said."*

The Washington Examiner reports that Pruitt is working with local leaders to clean-up the East Chicago Superfund site. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday joined Democrats and Republicans to reaffirm the agency's commitment to communities outside of Chicago hit by high levels of lead contamination. Pruitt had visited the Indiana city of East Chicago last month affected by contamination from a closed lead production facility owned by the firm U.S. Steel that had been designated a Superfund cleanup site by the agency in 2009."

The Washington Times reports Pruitt said that Barack Obama was no ‘environmental savior.’ *“Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration’s attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama’s tenure.”*

The Hill reports that Pruitt was highly critical of the previous administration. *“Pruitt was also highly critical of his predecessor, naming similar environmental problems over the last eight years. ‘What’s so great about that record,’ he asked North Dakota conservative radio host Rob Port, after listing similar statistics about air quality, Superfund and the Flint and Gold King disasters. ‘I don’t quite understand the environmental left when they say that somehow, what the past administration, what was done, was so great.’”*

The Daily Caller reports that Pruitt said he sued the previous administration because they exceeded their statutory authority. *“Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said he sued the agency he heads so many times while Oklahoma attorney general because ‘they exceeded their statutory authority.’ ‘They deserved it and they deserved it because they exceeded their statutory authority, they exceeded their constitutional authority.’”*

Additionally, the Daily Caller notes that after the Flint water crisis, the previous administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received. *“Pruitt said the former administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received, especially after the EPA’s failure to fix Flint’s water system.”*

On Hugh Hewitt, Pruitt set the record straight about false information being circulated about the EPA’s Board of Scientific Counselors. *“The board of scientific counselors that we have at the EPA, they serve three year terms. And so those are reviewed every three years. Those same individuals can apply through the competitive process. ... There was no firing that took place. These individuals can apply, will apply, I’m sure, in some instances, and very well could be put back on the board. But it’s the right thing to do to ensure transparency, its activity, peer-reviewed science and geographical representation on the board.”*

Need to Know Network reports that Pruitt said that Obama’s administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states. *“Pruitt said during the interview that the Obama administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states, and looked at states as mere vessels of federal will. ... Pruitt went on to say that the EPA has restored a focus on “cooperative federalism” and working with the states.”*

To The States ...

The Tampa Bay Times reports that Pruitt met with Florida Governor Rick Scott to talk about water issues. *“[Governor Rick] Scott popped in for a visit with EPA Administrator Scott*

Pruitt to talk water issues.”

The Bismarck Tribune reports that the EPA signed a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage wells. *“Tuesday marked a new day for North Dakota’s ability to regulate storage of carbon dioxide gas, an important part of a cleaner coal future. The federal Environmental Protection Agency took a first step toward giving the state primary authority to regulate federal Class VI wells for injecting CO2 into deep underground pore space for either long-term storage or for store-and-sell in enhanced oil recovery.”*

The Fargo Forum reports Pruitt promised a friendlier, more cooperative relationship with states. *“If you go back to the inception of the agency...Congress has been very insistent in saying the states have a role,” EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told me during an interview on my radio show today. ‘The past administration simply disregarded that,’ he continued.”*

The Grand Forks Herald reports that all of sudden North Dakota and the EPA are getting along. *“Under the Trump administration, there has been a big shift in our state’s relationship with that federal agency. ‘The days of coercive federalism are over,’ new EPA head Scott Pruitt said earlier this year in a letter to Governor Doug Burgum.”*

The Minot Daily News reports that North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum said EPA Administrator Pruitt will have the biggest single impact on his state. *“Gov. Doug Burgum said he thinks the biggest change for North Dakota as a result of the Trump administration is the president’s new team, in particular, two of its members. Burgum said he feels Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will have the biggest single impact on North Dakota.”*

Ozark News reports that Pruitt slammed the brakes on a pesticide rule from the Obama Administration. *“Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt has announced a 12-month delay for the implementation of the Certification and Training of Pesticide Applicators rule. Pruitt says the new extension will enable EPA to work with states and provide adequate compliance and training resources, after the group received feedback from states and stakeholders that more time and resources were needed to prepare for compliance with the rule.”*

Oklahoma City’s KOCO-TV reports that the EPA awarded Oklahoma with an \$855,000 grant to protect water quality. *“The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$855,000 to the Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of Energy to support management of nonpoint-source water pollution, officials said in a news release. ... ‘Improving the Nation’s water is one of EPA’s highest priorities under the Trump administration,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who was Oklahoma’s attorney general before taking a position in President Donald Trump’s administration.”*

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